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Chul-ki JU is President of the Overseas Koreans Foundation. Previously, he served as Senior Secretary to the President for Foreign Affairs and National Security upon being appointed to the position in February 2013. Before working at the Office of the President, he was Vice President and Secretary-General of the Global Compact Korea Network and led efforts to promote the UN Global Compact in that capacity, assuming such functions as senior advisor to the UNGC anti-corruptions Working Group. He also served as a member of the Honorary Advisory Board of the National Anti-Corruption and Ombudsman Commission and of the Human Rights Commission. He led the Korea-France 21st Century Forum as president.

He retired from diplomatic service at the end of 2006 after a long career that culminated in his ambassadorship to France. He also served as Ambassador to the United Nations in Geneva and to Morocco and Mauritania. His career also includes service as Ambassador to UNESCO, where he assumed the role of Chairman of ASPAC Group. At home, he served as Director General of Policy Planning and then on as Director-General of Economic Affairs at the Korean Foreign Ministry, in which capacity he handled APEC, ASEM, OECD as well as environment, nuclear energy and development issues.

He played an instrumental role in Korea's accession to the OECD in 1996. He represented his government at many international conferences as chief delegate. He was also Chairman of the Asian Group at the Human Rights Commission in Geneva and Vice Chairman of the Regional Trade Agreement Committee of the WTO. He taught International Organizations at Yonsei University and Multicultural Negotiations at the Graduate School of International Studies of the Seoul National University as visiting professor.

He studied History at the Seoul National University and diplomacy at the Graduate School of Public Administration in France, and also received a master degree in international politics from the Free Brussels University in Belgium. He authored a book, "France in the 21st century," He gives lectures and contributes articles relating to the UN system, international politics and economics as well as North Korean nuclear issues and unification issue. He constantly pursues Northeast Asia peace and cooperation issue as well as the Eurasian initiatives.

His recent article contribution is "The Courage to settle North Korean nuclear problem and Strategy to materialize a New Northeast Asia " which was carried in the April 2016 edition of "Diplomacy "of the Korean Council on Foreign Relations.